

There is too much content on the internet that should be available to everyone. There are too many businesses that rely on the internet for job applications.

—Nikole Rene Gates, Sacramento, CA

Cable companies and other such entities want to control the internet in order to make huge profits, by deciding who gets what services at whatever speed and cost they deem fit, (Fit for themselves of course) Keep the internet as it is-open for all to chose and use.

—Kathleen R Peiffer, Fairfield, IA

Going through with this won't do any good at all. People don't want to pay excess money for the world wide web. It wouldn't be so much world wide any more if you limit it to people who can afford to spend an extra \$5-50 every time, or even at a steady rate. You think you'd obtain more profit from this tactic, but instead, people would simply get rid of the Internet since no one can afford it, and plus, there would be hardly anything to do on there anymore. Using the Internet would be useless now if you put a price on every website. People use some websites to contact friends or families globally, share useful and valuable information, and much more! Not only would you be taking the opportunity of learning from many people, but you'd be taxing their knowledge as well. Pay for knowledge? It should be free, as it always was. Knowledge is priceless. I speak for the majority when I say this; Do not require money to access websites, ESPECIALLY, if your only goal is to gain money. Consider my request, at the very least. Leave the Internet be. Thank you for your time.

—Princess, Beaumont, CA

Not only does it make it harder for people to afford/access certain websites, but it will make it harder for small businesses and amature websites to continue running online. They will be expected to pay service providers in order to make their site accessible to the public. So this WORKS BOTH WAYS when it comes to hurting online freedom and communication.

—Chastity McGuire, Pikeville, KY

Net neutrality means equal access for EVERYONE. This keeps the Internet from becoming privilege for those who can afford it.

—Lizz Springer, waterloo, WI

We would all like the internet to be ours. We are small, but have power in numbers. We would not like for you to take our freedom of web. Thank you.

—Glenda, chicago, IL

a neutral Internet is the last great bastion for independent ideas, self-promotion, economics, creativity, etc, on which this country was founded upon.. it needs to be kept in the hands of the people and not "reigned over" by some corporation's kingship... it is the one true place where all are equal, the common man has the same playing field basically as the corporations (tho they still retain their amassed resources to still have an advantage). this "free" space allows for true INNOVATION to happen, and that is crucial for us moving forward together as a species as corporations are, by nature, only concerned with maintaining the "status-quo" to keep their profits rolling in and only are interested in innovation in regards to how they can profit from them, rather than how they will benefit mankind. I am not anti-corporate but there does need to be a space where corporations do not dictate content, either by speed or availability, to allow for us to communicate, educate, create, distribute information and innovate freely without their oversight. the net is not broken, it does not need to be "fixed" by corporations becoming monopolistic fiefdoms.. thank you, Brian Parker

—Brian Parker, Philadelphia, PA

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—Yuri, Baltimore, MD

It's important to prevent large increases to services that are now needed. My work is now directly tied to my internet access and if forced to pay more will make it less feasible to actually do my work

—Kerry Cortez, San Marcos, TX

Please keep net neutrality for all!

—Fred Fegley, Gulfport, MS

There shouldn't be a price on the entirety of human knowledge.

—Ambrosia Eiler-Cichosz, Colorado Springs, CO

I need the internet because it keeps me calm and all my friends are there and it helps me avoid panic attacks and keep calm

—Ramie, Stamford, CT

Net neutrality is important to me because it's basic freedom. Accessing the internet has already been dubbed a right, so why on earth would taking it away from us be sensible? Paying extra to access certain websites, or to keep a website you've made, that's not what freedom looks like. Everyone should be free to use the internet, at its full capacity, with no restrictions set by people who only want to make money off of us. They swallow enough of our money as it is. It's appalling to see that net neutrality is even an issue.

—Genesis, orlando, FL

Net Neutrality is important to me because its a way to be heard without standing out

—Lauren Paige Zehnder, Magnolia, OH

The internet is suppose to be world wide and was ment so the general public had a easier time accessing information if I'm wrong this still doesn't help those who are not as wealthy with school and other activities.

—Ezra Wilson, Long Beach, CA

Free exchange of information, bitch.

—Curran, Westfield, MA

The internet is not broken. Net Neutrality is why.

—Drew Michael Losure, Minneapolis, MN

I need a variety of sites in my line of work and will not be able to maintain my livelihood if net neutrality is corrupted in such a manner.

—Neeka Tan, Portland, OR

Net Neutrality is important to be because it just makes sense. The Internet is the internet because everything is neutral. So many people have jobs based solely on the internet and so many other people's lives are the way they are because of Internet access. To take that away would be ludicrous.

—Lili Weinstein, Port ST. Lucie, FL

youre not gonna read this anyway jackasses

—Violet McDonald, Catonsville, MD

Because in this era, the internet both connects people together and provides information. It is one of the few nearly equal rights people have and paying for it removes the education that is given.

—Abby, Midlothian, VA

Net Neutrality is important to me because without the free internet, I would not be alive today. All the good things I've been able to access gave way to the people who helped my regain my confidence and seek help instead of suicide. I'm better today, and still alive, thankfully. I want others to be able to still access the resources I needed to help save them too.

—Myra, Holmdel, NJ

Save the internet, Not all of us have the money to put forth to be able to access all the sites we normally would.

—Alex, Olive Branch, MS

Please save the net yo

—Evan, LA, CA

NO! It wont be so world wide web if this happens.

—Elizabeth Fortenbery, Buford, GA

Why should we pay even more money for access to different websites? Is paying for the internet not enough?!

—Kathleen, San Gabriel, CA

Net neutrality mean freedom for all rather than freedom for the highest bidder.

—Laura, Monroe, WA

Because the world wide web should be a free zone for people to connect, play, shop and learn, not another thing that has to be restricted by charging people money for it. Not only does it limit people's access but it will damage businesses and websites.

—Elizabeth, Miami, FL

The quality of speeds in US suck compared to the rest of the world and now companies are trying charge more off this method makes me want quit using the internet. Not to mention a blow to commercial and consumer rights.

—Rodney Washington, Denver, CO

Competition is the only way for the free market to function. As it stands, internet providers have shown they do not feel the effects of competition through their horrible service. Customers cannot even exercise free market pressure through refusing internet service since using wifi at other locations is unreliable and places an undue burden to handle work, banking, and other necessities. My ability to support smaller, niche sites will certainly be affected, and my right to hear speech will be negatively impacted. As a necessity not subject to free market forces, regulation is necessary to ensure freedom and global economic competitiveness.

—Matthew Blackstone, Duncan, SC

Are you fucking kidding me FCC? You greedy, stupid fucks? This is ridiculous.

—Bianca Opie, Melbourne, NY

because is for everyone not for business to control and make money off of it. its for people to spread their right to speak with out the bull that they would get in real life. that's why their should be net neutrality.

—Guillermo Soto, Pomona, CA

I demand that the net remain under the control of the people and only the people, and that the government take its hands off. The government is not the people. Not anymore. We don't want your categorization, assistance or monetary interests. Leave.

—Daniel Tyler Davis, New Castle, PA

Don't ruin the fucking internet

—Shaniah, Boston, MA

Net neutrality means freedom. While I may not agree with many things that many politicians say, I respect their right to say it. If net neutrality comes along, it'll mean that (as an example) only the congressman with the loudest voice and most cash would be the most easily accessible. Clearly this is something that needs to be addressed. But as is often the case, many politicians may hear this and believe that net neutrality needs to die so they can stay in office forever. Besides, I hope Google gets fiber built in every city and I can just circumvent all this petty bullshit and not have any restrictions.

—Andrew Laszewski, nashville, TN

The internet is not a corporation owned entity, it should be free like the radio waves.

—Kayla Hampton, Kenner, LA

Keep the internet free. Don't allow the Big Cable and Internet companies from becoming the Big Online Brothers just so they can line their own pockets at the expense of honest users. Keep Net Neutrality.

—Wayland Johnson, CARTHAGE, NC

Net neutrality prevents one company (cable) from interfering with the operation of other companies free speech. Please uphold net neutrality.

—Elliott Stayton, grand prairie, TX

Net Neutrality is important for the internet as a whole because it is one of the few places in the world left not broken up into castes based on economical status.

—Jessika, Columbia City, OR

Want to know why it's important the internet is that one free thing in a world of money. It's a painless joy to use and using is a happy thing for me and others. Taking such a right to use the internet so freely just causes more problems. Take away Net Neutrality and you just made yourself a good amount of the world your enemy.

—Megan Sorensen, Ogden, UT

goddamit I'm a college student how am i supposed to afford that.

—Clarissa Hyun, Santa cruz, CA

Please, we're already at the mercy of the phone companies, cell phone providers and power companies. Do not let the ISP's dictate how the internet should be.

—Jeff, Aurora, IL

The internet should be a place where exchange of thoughts and ideas are free.

—Amelia Spence, Durham, NH

It is called the WORLDWIDE WEB because anyone WORLDWIDE can access it without the obligation to pay for these bullshit categories! You fucking communists.

—Alics Soul, Broomfield, CO

I believe the internet is the greatest invention in human history. Net neutrality is essential to maintaining this idea. Without freedom, all potential can be so easily squandered.

—Nathan Armon, Moscow, ID

Net neutrality allows individuals with lower income, such as myself, to access materials they might not be able to afford/reach offline (i.e. textbooks, job boards, news, etc.).

—Lucas Suarez, Cedar Falls, IA

The internet is a great info source that should be welcome to all without a price.

—Gabby DeGregorio, Holmdel, NJ

Big ISPs/cable companies shouldn't get to decide what information I am able to easily access. I pay for access to the Internet, not parts of it.

—Josh Smith, Champaign, IL

This is discrimination. The internet has been a sort of equalizer and this proposal will destroy that. This would make it difficult for small businesses and amateur websites to run online and allow internet providers to decide who succeeds and fails. Don't destroy net neutrality!

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Ashley Davis, Hambleton, WV

Reclassify broadband internet as a telecommunications service.

—Lia, Lynnwood, WA

I'm disgusted by the idea of paying for something I've used for free so long just so some others can make money off such things, I like my freedom thank you very much.

—Michael Sheldon, Killeen, TX

I studied Digital Media in college and grad school. I worked a lot with the internet and it's services as a job. Many of my friends are in the field as well. To stifle the internet would ruin their livelihoods. Stop putting the interests of your bottom line over the basic rights of Americans and bring back net neutrality!

—Sergio Lopez, Edison, NJ

Because the internet is a massive tool for resources and communication across the world and no company no matter how much money they hold should be allowed to rule and make decisions about who can or can't see what websites, based on if Comcast, Verizon, or AT&T approves of. Net Neutrality should not be ruled by monopolies it should be a resource for all.

—Leslie James, Chicago, IL

The internet is as much of a public utility as roads and water service and should not be constrained by private corporations who are not accountable to citizens

—Ryan Walston, Tacoma, WA

Net Neutrality will and spread knowledge and benefit all instead of just the corporations and the privileged.

—Robert Medina, San Antonio, TX

Maintaining equal access is important, and net neutrality is the best option available.

—AK K. Dawson, Austin, TX

Save the internet from terrible companies and corporations. Net Neutrality is important.

—Gino M Chong Inhin, Alexandria, VA

When corporations can charge more & speed up only the people they want to, we're one step closer to admitting that the news is all lies.

—Erin Riley, Toledo, OH

Innovation has been fueled by the ability for all providers to compete on equal bandwidth access. If this rule had been in place before Google bought YouTube, Google could have just outspent YouTube on bandwidth and driven them out of business, and that would have been unfair competitive practice. Keep all providers equal, let the ISP's charge users for what they want.

—Charles Braden, Plano, TX

Net Neutrality is important to me because free speech on the internet is just as important as free speech over the phone or in person. Killing Net Neutrality is simply an attack on the little guy so the giant telecoms can make even more obscene profits than they already do, while at the same time silencing anyone who has anything critical to say about them or their friends. It will lead to less competition in the marketplace as only established companies will be able to afford the cost of a "fast lane" and get their product to consumers. This is the most elementary violation of a Capitalist economic model. Competition = good, monopoly = bad.

—Clayton Kennedy, Goodlettsville, TN

Net neutrality protects our right to be individuals and to broaden ourselves as people, as well as a society. Taking it away will drastically reduce the amount everyone can become educated and resourceful members of society.

—Amanda, Colorado Springs, CO

The internet is not just a service provided to people through cable companies, it is a necessity that we all need and deserve to have without having to pay extra fees just to visit different sites.

—Brandi Lee Peake, Mashpee, MA

Please, please for the last semblance of a non-corrupt government, DO NOT let internet providers charge for use of the internet. It is shamelessly and blatantly corrupt and will have a devastating impact on the economy and on capitalism in the U.S. Our economy thrives because of innovation and competition. Every major innovative corporation was once a small start-up that would not have been able to compete with existing competitors. Do the right thing.

—Piper Jackson-Sevy, Boulder, CO

We use the internet for everything, I use it to make a living, this will overburden an already tenuous situation for me.

—Timothy J. Groeschel, Anaheim, CA

Every single argument against Net Neutrality is some manner of lie to protect ISP monopolies. We pay for a certain amount of bandwidth each month. ISPs should be forced to provide us with the bandwidth we pay for.

—Mark Smith, Salt Lake City, UT

The internet currently harbors a vast array of what some would consider cultures. These cultures rely heavily on the how their internet is distributed. Giving internet service providers the ability to control the distribution would cripple the internet incredibly by eliminating the need for a website to improve on itself if it can just pay the internet service providers to give it a better connection than their competitor. Please list the internet as a Common Carrier Service.

—Ryan Noether, New Port Richey, FL

I want equality and neutrality - not to pad the bank accounts of monopolizing internet companies.

—Dan, Littleton, CO

Net neutrality is important to me because it guarantees the right of the people and stops those with more money from gaining unfair advantages and allows poorer company's to compete with richer ones.

—David Medlin, Mechanicville, NY

The internet has always been a level playing field. By eradicating net neutrality, the providers are merely tapping the already overflowing keg of profits they are garnering from the public, all the while offering service that is substandard to put it kindly. Before even considering abolishing net neutrality, I propose that all companies looking to rid the public of this critical factor in fair internet access be required to maintain a 95% customer satisfaction level as determined by independent research for 5 years. If that is slated as a prerequisite, I am certain net neutrality will be safe for all eternity. These companies are very easy to determine - just look at who has invested the most lobbying money to rid America of net neutrality over the past few years and the top 10 would comprise your list. Thank you very much for your consideration.

—John H Baker, Tallahassee, FL

Back in the 1980's and maybe even into the early '90's, I could see an argument that "The Internet" was optional, and could be run under private capitalist rules and regulations. However, when looking for a job - temp and contracting work, even - I have been told on MANY occasions that they need me to leave their brick-and-mortar offices and apply online. This is no longer an optional luxury; it's a basic need to be able to function in the world. I'm not calling for free unlimited access for all citizens, just equal access for all. I believe that today, internet access IS a utility, and should be regulated as one.

—Stuart, Portland, OR

This feels like a violation of my constitutional rights. When and if I make a statement of free speech online there should be no provider slowing down the venue I used because they feel it's of little importance.

—Christopher Drain, Portland, OR

We pay for a lot of things, but where exactly do you think that the money is coming from? How many extra hours or extra jobs is an individual going to have to take on in order to afford having to pay EXTRA for access to sites that for years now we have been able to do so for free? This isn't fair to the public, and it isn't fair to those new amateur businesses out there either. Money doesn't grow on trees and not everyone is at the same financial level to be able to afford EXTRA fees. Do not take the freedom away from the world wide web.

—Kirsten Yoeun, Portland, OR

At this point in history, the internet is in fact a utility, and should be treated as such. Yes it is also widely used for entertainment as well, but with the massive leaps and bounds technology has taken in the past 20 year, the ratio of "value as a tool" vs. "value as entertainment" has certainly shifted more in the direction of "tool". This needs to be strongly considered while dealing with massive corporations who want control over such an important facet of life in this country. The internet is no longer comparable to cable vs broadcast television. I can say without hyperbole that I have never once in my life met someone who needed cable TV to provide their livelihood. However, more and more people each day need e-mail, video chat, websites, file downloads, cloud storage systems etc. to make a living. The internet is much more important now than it was 20 years ago. That said, it should be regulated the same way water, gas electricity and sewage are. It's simply no longer an optional means of entertainment. It is a necessity.

—Max Fleming, Williston Park, NY

The internet is the last true bastion of free and uncontrolled speech in this day and age. It is neutral and should remain neutral. If it was to become an object of strict revenue, as is being proposed, it would ruin the greatest thing we have created in our lifetime. I implore you to do your civic duty in keeping the internet neutral. A setback such as is proposed would do incalculable damage to citizens today and those to come.

—Mark, Dacula, GA

Allowing internet service providers to create internet "fast lanes" and "slow lanes" would do nothing more than allow them to extort payments from companies like Netflix. It's time to admit that the internet is a public utility, not a private "service."

—CPA Richard B Maselow CGMA, Encino, CA

How can anti New Neutrality still be discussed? This is fraud and wrong on every level.

—Pete Gradowski, San Jose, CA

Net neutrality preserves free speech and free use of the internet for consumers and advertisers. This bid by Comcast, AT&T, Verizon, etc. is only an attempt by corporate fat cats to line their own pockets with further money from consumers. Even though sites like Netflix will have to pay the cable companies, they will make ends meet by passing those higher costs on to the consumer. The cable companies already have a monopoly in most locations in the US. Consumers are being repeatedly robbed by these corporations. Ending net neutrality is one of the worst ideas I've seen this increasingly corrupt government come up with. If this happens, I will cancel my cable contract and pester my congressman until this foolish policy is reversed.

—Theresa O'Byrne, Trenton, NJ

We want a free Internet !!

—Abraham, victoria, TX

Net Neutrality is very important to me because I use the internet at very affordable prices to advocate for my son who is non-verbal and a 22 year old autistic gentleman. I communicate with him and his counselors through Skype. I also do radio shows and video's to advocate for the special needs population. We will be no better than a dictatorship if Net Neutrality went away or were controlled by the political right who wants to control the free speech of everyday people who may not have much of a voice.

—Dr Shirley Canniff, Stoughton, MA

Giving an unfair advantage to one group is literally against what America stands for. Equality is neutrality.

—Timothy J. Carroll, marlin, TX

I see Net Neutrality as a freedom of information issue. "Neutrality" is a powerful social equalizer. Content in libraries and access to that content should not be influenced by the producers of the content. Similarly, the internet should be free of bias towards content, and not weigh it heavier just because its producers can pay. The internet is the biggest and most open library the world has ever known. Let's maintain it with the unbiased ideals of excellent librarians.

—Robin Varni, Seattle, WA

Net neutrality is needed because the internet is a utility people need to get ahead. Without it, it is harder to get a job, enroll in school, and pay your bills. It isn't a matter of privilege if countries worse off than us can get faster speeds at cheaper prices.

—Brett Rogerson, Thornton, CO

The internet has already been made as unavailable and uneven as possible by cable companies with the minimal oversight they have now. The internet is a public utility-- it's past time to acknowledge that, and commit as a country to net neutrality!

—Sarah Meador, Luling, TX

Please do not let corporations control our public forum. Everyone should have equal access.

—Barbra schora, Mill valley, CA

Keep the internet free and open to all! There should be no special privileges. In this one way all the people of the world should have equal access.

—Denise Pinto, ENTERPRISE, FL

Net Neutrality matters to me because it represents the freedom of the people and the privilege we have to increase our knowledge at whatever rate we choose.

—Jason, Salt Lake City, UT

I rely upon internet access for almost every facet of daily life from paying bills to working to entertaining myself to acquiring basic necessities. The internet is a basic necessity of modern life in the same way that electricity is. We don't allow electricity companies to provide preferential treatment as to who receives adequate power and who does not, so why should we allow internet service providers that ability?

—David Mortensen, Oklahoma City, OK

Our nation was founded on equality. Net neutrality IS equality.

—Logan Kassuba, Cadillac, MI

Mostly it's because the alternative is letting all of the communication companies - that want to remove net neutrality in order to make more money and charge Internet domains as much cash as they can - arbitrarily shut down anyone who refuses to give in to their totalitarian demands.

—Scott Connelly, Austin, TX

The internet is one of the last places people can freely speak their minds. Why limit that freedom?

—Andrew, Milwaukee, WI

Dear FCC, It is clear what these Cable providers and communication corporations are trying to accomplish by trying to get rid of net neutrality. The public places a lot of trust in you to protect our best interest and the interests of innovation, fairness but above all access to communication. If net neutrality ceases to be, then there will be no competition, new websites or ideas on the web which could have flourished will not. Internet customers (the public) will suffer when surfing the web and will be hamstrung to only be able to freely explore a select few websites (the ones that can afford to out spend the others) the internet is the last true free frontier. it has toppled oppressive regimes and brought the whole world together. It is currently transforming the entire human race that was once separate from itself and united us in spite of language, cultural and geographical boundaries. It is vital the human race's next step in its evolution. It is man's greatest invention and net neutrality is the most important part of the access to it. Please do not allow net neutrality to go by the wayside, many will simply log out. How ironic that these very large corporations owe their success to that which they are now trying to abolish and all though this issue is not on the forefront of the American public as of now. It will be once they see the change in service and the public outcry will be deafening. I hope you will be on the right side of the issue. the public depends on it.

—Cesar Gonzalez, Anaheim, CA

Day to day, I never know what I want to look up, watch, be entertained by, be educated by, be stupefied by or whatever.... my internet provider should NOT be able to say "well, if you want "Y" site, you need to pay extra. If you just want the basics, then here's some completely unrelated sites we will load quickly". No thank you. If I pay for a service, I should get equal upload speeds across the board. No to the end of net neutrality.

—Stacy S, Twentynine Palms, CA

Seriously have to stop allowing these MONOPOLIES to merge. Where is my free market? I have 1 ISP choice. Uno singularo! So if you my government wont help to foster an environment where I can pick my poison then the least you can do is REGULATE them responsibly. I shouldn't even have to type this letter! ABSURD! When do I get my golf outing with the president? Oh I guess I just gotta drop a few 100k in a campaign war chest. You people are despicable!

—Sean Rotkiske, Birdsboro, PA

Access to information should NOT be controlled by corporations!

—Lisa, Acton, CA

No one wants to pay extra just to get to certain sites. If Net Neutrality goes away, it won't result in people paying the cable companies more money, it'll result in people pirating internet, or not using it at all. It is a utility at this point, and cable companies need to realize it.

—Carl Lonnquist, Mankato, MN

Because the internet connects me to people all over the world quickly and having to pay for that means I will almost never be able to speak to my sister in Thailand or my friend in Japan or others like them.

—Amanda Dickinson, Rockford, MI

A lack of net neutrality will result in the consumer being charged twice for the same data. Once for their broadband connection and then again in price increases for the sites they are visiting. It gives the cable companies the power to control what we can and can't access by charging specific sites premiums that they may struggle to afford. Why should they have to pay for the bandwidth I'm already paying for?!

—Kyle Hawkins, Tavernier, FL

Net Neutrality is one of the few freedoms that we currently have that has not been irremediably sullied by capitalism and its influences on our socio-economic and political ecosystems. Please do not open the door to further infringement on the accessibility of the internet - or the freedom to choose what we access. Keep the competition around internet content and access to that content from constricting the freedom to choose, the freedom to have a choice AND the PRIVACY of making that choice ourselves.

—Dawnine Clews, Salem, OR

The internet was built on thrives on being an open forum. We look at countries with censorship on their internet with dismay but are trying to allow something to happen where the internet providers would be able to decide who gets to have a voice online.

—Benjamin, Bowling Green, OH

The internet serves the public best when it's delivered through an unfiltered pipe. America's ISPs are starting to see themselves as content providers, which is in direct conflict with their role in delivering the internet. America's ISPs should adhere to the principle of net neutrality so that our country can stay at the forefront of innovation and technology. Otherwise, we run the risk of moving at the speed of Comcast, Time Warner, Verizon, &c., which is to say, not at all.

—Ivan Wright, River Edge, NJ

Net neutrality is important to me. We should not let cable corporations have free rein in this area just to maximize their profits.

—Shirley Leveritt, Morrilton, AR

If I start an internet business I want my business to be on equal footing as similar websites. And I want to be able to get all my information from any website I choose, so I can get a more unbiased perspective.

—Rex Campos, Boise, ID

The price I have to pay for my online services goes up and up as the internet loses its neutrality. It's already started, and it seems like the only people not losing money are the broadband monopolies. This trend toward a financially-organized internet is incredibly disturbing as an adult who was raised with an open internet, full of opportunity.

—Sam Collins, Plymouth, MN

Companies should NOT have the power to dictate who gets to have their voice heard based on how much money they receive. Any company trying to redistribute the internet in this way is in fact stifling freedom of speak and looking to place themselves in a position of power for the sole purpose of acquiring more money and controlling what can and can't reach the masses. Stop this hypocrisy and leave my internet alone!

—Luis Dorta, Doral, FL

The internet is as much a utility as electricity and telecommunications. I live in a world of information that has come to expect my connective availability and capability as much as my ability to groom myself with running water, prepare dinner in a safely, well-lit kitchen, and call in to work when I am too sick to show up. We need to keep the internet as free of a world and marketplace as we strive to keep our physical world and economy, which means not over-empowering those who already profit very well off of their power over our informational bottlenecks. Libraries don't selectively throttle access to knowledge. Please don't let corporations do so at the expense of my intellectual freedom.

—Melinda Krug, Ann Arbor, MI

The internet is probably one of the defining technological developments of the 20th century. It has made possible massive social and economic changes, particularly in North America. Net neutrality played an important role in this, particularly the economic shifts, by providing a level playing field in which small startup companies and new approaches to commerce could be developed without the need for massive initial funding. While the major internet providers claim that this new two tiered service will not limit competition or damage those who chose not to use it, it absolutely will. It will mean that any business model that relies on the speed of a connection will be monopolized by large existing companies. The relatively level playing field and low overhead internet that made possible so much innovation in the past decades will disappear. As a consumer I also do not trust the providers when they claim that they will not use this power to force businesses to buy into the fast lane by slowing down their standard service. I have lived in Canada where there is a semi-monopoly on internet infrastructure that requires all internet providers to make use of lines, established partially through the use of public funding, now owned by Bell and Rogers. These two companies have artificially elevated the cost of both internet and cell phones both by charging access fees that make it extremely hard for other companies to offer competitive pricing, and by actively throttling the service of competing internet providers using their lines. When a company has the power to do something that will make it a profit it will do so. We should absolutely cannot rely on large internet providers to choose not to use shady tactics that will increase their profits. That is why we have regulatory bodies like the FCC.

—Gwyndaf Garbutt, Morgantown, WV

Net Neutrality is important for one single reason - no one company should be allowed to pay more for "faster" service - conversely no company should be penalized for not paying what amounts to a bribe in order for their information (accessible for FREE by all Americans) to be made available. This is akin to paying a higher toll on an Interstate and therefore being allowed to drive faster while all other drivers are forced to clog the right lane. On a system that was designed to be fairly accessed by all.

—Cameron Prince, Bloomfield, NJ

We all benefit from an equal playing field when it comes to internet traffic. The internet is bigger than any single one of us and it needs to stay that way. With the end of net neutrality comes the end of consumer confidence and the end of government confidence. Please do the right thing and protect net neutrality.

—Louis Gentilucci, Yardley, PA

The internet has become ground zero for countless social and political movements throughout the world. Giving ISP's the power to choose what content receives priority would allow them to stifle the voices of any who might speak against them. This seems like a conspiratorial argument but those companies have share holders to answer to. Those share holders are only happy as long as profits rise and outlook toward the company is positive. ISP's cannot be allowed to brandish a sword of silence no matter how limited its length may be. Net neutrality is a safe guard that allows free speech in a format that has, in the past decade, changed the global political landscape by providing an even field for all points of view. Please keep it that way.

—Ian Willoughby, Meadville, PA

net neutrality equals freedom. and freedom equals America. so if you don't like net neutrality, that means you don't like America.

—Ryan, Oak Lawn, IL

Net Neutrality is important in order to never allow one party or group to have significant control or power over a global resource - through fees, infrastructure, or restriction. Please! Help defend the freedom of this global resource!

—Garry Hurkens, Rio Verde, AZ

Dear FCC, I consider most government entities to be truly and ruthlessly evil, controlled by over paid heavily lobbied (bribed) politicians. The FCC seems to be trying to do the right thing and regulate large corporations that are trying to maintain exorbitant profits in the face of changing times. Simply because one portion of these groups assets doesn't perform as well now in the face of such things as hulu and netflix. Should not mean that they can "tax" these users for more than they would anyone else or control the flow of these companies services. Its unfair and unjust. Furthermore these companies are doing very little in the way of upgrades to the networks even though they receive...money from the government to carry out said upgrades and are offer free or at the very least subsidized property to run new line and upgrade current tech, and finally I think any company should reasonably be able to buy into the current infrastructure and become a provider there is very little competition in this area and a case should be made in government to end these monopolies. V/R Travis.

—Travis, Florence., MS

This is a ridiculous idea. Not only does it make it harder for people to afford and access certain websites, but it will make it harder for small businesses and amateur websites to continue running online. They will be expected to pay service providers in order to make their site accessible to the public. Such an idea will ruin the simplicity and freedom of the internet as we know it.

—Jess Williams, Huntintown, NY

By preventing cable companies from slowing down internet traffic net neutrality lowers the cost of entry for small businesses and entrepreneurs. This allows them to put more resources into expanding their businesses and creating jobs.

—William Ryan, Newark, DE

I personally feel the way the system is currently set up is absurd. We have cable companies with "gentleman's agreements" that will not compete against each other all over Oklahoma. There is one provider in a 90 mile radius of me, they charge whatever price they feel like charging and their service is atrocious. However since they are the only provider we can do nothing but pay for the terrible service and grit our teeth. From November 2013 until March of 2014 my community paid for 50mb down and 6mb up, however due to hardware not being sufficient we received 6mb down and 3mb up and there was absolutely nothing we could do to fight it or argue. Even now in our community if you have our cable internet service but your tv service is through dish or some other company our cable service lowers your priority so you have a reduced or slower internet connection than people with bundled services. In any other business all of these actions would be highly illegal but internet providers get away with this all over the nation.

—Cash, Duncan, OK

To me, this shouldn't even be up for debate. From every angle that I've personally researched, taking away net neutrality has no discernible benefits to citizens at all. People have made the FCC out to be the bad guys many of times. But, here is a chance for you to prove that you truly have the best interests of the public in mind. I'm an optimist, and I choose to look at all the things that make the Internet so great to me. I look at all the knowledge I've gained, all the entertainment and joy I've received, and all the friendships I've made and maintained by having a free Internet. Please hear our voices, and make the right decision. I want to believe that you, along with all governing agencies still have the general public's best interests in mind, and that you consider yourselves apart of the general public too.

—Daniel Enochs, Knox, IN

Net neutrality truly is key to an equal and fair web experience. The only way companies like youtube, or netflix were able to get off the ground is because there was a fair playing field. If you allow large cable companies to require internet sites to pay to have adequate speeds for, say, hi-def streaming, you effectively destroy any startups from coming up in the future. To say this is sad would be an understatement as we have no clue what the next big thing will be on the internet, but without net neutrality we will know for sure that many possibilities will no longer exist. Please, don't destroy net neutrality because of the corporate greed (or your ties to said cable companies). Please think of the greater good in this, and understand that we really cannot afford to get rid of net neutrality, that the internet should remain now and forever a completely equal playing field for all companies, established and up and coming.

—Justin Fields, Powder Springs, GA

Equal and fair access should be guaranteed. Money should not control how the internet functions.

—Tonja Brunn, Savannah, GA

protect the open Internet, same as free speech

—Johnny Vann, Ashford, AL

NO! Last thing we need is to give these giant companies more ways to screw the American people! Step away from the lobbyists and do your job protecting consumers.

—Yana Sundeleaf, Tacoma, WA

Net neutrality is important to me because paying for better internet alienates those who can't afford it. Like me. I'm a poor student who would pretty much not pay anything for fast internet.

—No, No, ME

Make the internet a public utility because every American citizen and business relies on it nearly as heavily as we do electricity and water anyway. It isn't fair to give ISP's the power to decide what internet companies get internet and which ones don't. That is far too easily abused and is completely unnecessary. These companies have fought for nothing other than the degradation of their services over the years by throttling speeds and neglecting improvements while charging everyone more and more money.

—Travis Koetz, Bloomington, IL

We cannot monopolize the internet. Abolishing net neutrality is abolishing our free market and our free speech.

—Katie, Brookline, MA

Protecting Net Neutrality protects the rights of individuals, like me, to freely access and express themselves on the Internet. Corporations should not be allowed to use their financial muscle to decide which websites will work properly and which will not.

—Evan Roberts, Tuscaloosa, AL

Equal rights for all. It's so simple there shouldn't be a discussion about this.

—Michael Corvin, Sammamish, WA

Dear Sirs, If it is NOT broken then why try to fix it ? Because some people who have A LOT more money then I do want to give themselves some kind of an advantage for what ever reason . They made their money from people like me and all the other folks out here on the net. It's just NOT FAIR ! Net Neutrality is the right thing to keep. Thank you for reading this .

—MDawn, Delmar, NY

The cable companies and ISPs make more than enough money as it is. This push for deregulation is foul greed, nothing more. Net neutrality is necessary for innovation; startups cannot be forced to compete with companies with budgets in the millions. I will not abide the corruption of cable companies. If net neutrality disappears, I will stop using the internet and I will not be the only one. Indeed, if net neutrality disappears, the internet will no longer be the internet. It will be another sort of cable, and I don't pay for cable because it is worthless. Don't let the internet become worthless; maintain net neutrality.

—Travis L Barber, Muskogee, OK

I strongly support making broadband internet a telecommunications (or "common carrier") service. Keeping the internet open levels the playing field, and it's one of the only resources that can be used effectively by individuals to limit income inequality by accessing knowledge and know-how. The free and simple exchange of culture, ideas, whimsy, and intellectualisms on the internet must be a neutral ground for all persons.

—Monica, Colorado Springs, CO

Could you please pass net-neutrality? Please!

—Ben, Villa Park, IL

Getting rid of Net Neutrality is tyranny at its finest: keep the playing field equal for everyone to preserve liberty for all users.

—Savannah Rodgers, Olathe, KS

Corporations need to stop mattering more than people.

—Grace Obregon, San Antonio, TX

Net Neutrality protects the last true bastion of free speech that we have as American people. Does this mean that everything posted online is good? No, but that's true of anything written. Billion dollar conglomerates shouldn't be the first ones to step forward claiming they "know what's best" for us, when in reality all they desire is to own the internet themselves. Imagine a world where you have to pay \$100 a month to use Google or post on a forum. Imagine a world where you can't say what you're feeling because something you typed sound vaguely familiar to song lyrics owned by a record company. That is not what "everybody wants" regardless of what words Comcast tries to put in our mouths.
—Michael Nejedly, Aurora, IL

Net neutrality is important to me because it keeps the greedy money hungry cable providers in check. Who doesn't want that?
—Jacobob, ventura, CA

Dear FCC: Following Senator Ed Markey's comments, please reclassify broadband as a Title II telecommunications service (common carrier) and implement strong net neutrality rules that ban slow lanes and all discrimination against particular content.
—Roger Zurawicki, Medford, MA

With the pitiful coverage that the internet companies are expanding and the regular mergers that kill small companies and any sort of price reduction, allowing these handful of companies complete autonomy in gouging customers with poorer service and less choice is criminal.
—David Pluska, Floyd, VA

Net Neutrality is the hope for America, citizens can choose for themselves who to listen to, what information to believe, and what opinions they agree with, without any influence exerted by politicians, corporations, religious organizations, or any other groups that change what we read in newspapers, see on television, or hear on the radio.
—Margaret Redlich, CHICAGO, IL

The idea of internet fast lanes disgusts me. I work for Verizon and what my company is doing makes me feel like a unwilling accomplice. Please save the internet!
—Kevin Gibson, Allen, TX

I'm sick and tired of hearing how cable monopolies are controlling the government. This needs to stop. I won't stand for it. PROTECT NET NEUTRALITY.
—Justin Sherrill, Harrisonburg, VA

Net neutrality is a vital issue in maintaining equality of speech in today's honed and streamlined society. It has helped keep a fair playing field for everyone, and should be kept as the internet becomes a larger institution day by day. Please keep network neutrality in your minds as policy is made, and think of everyone in the United States when making decisions.
—Samson Johnson, Missoula, MT

Make internet providers common carriers like phone companies. This will solve all issues revolved around these internet providers! Simple, fast, and effective solution.
—Andrew Becker, Liverpool, NY

Net neutrality is important to me because I want my kids to have the same online opportunities that I have.
—Derek Gervais, Belgrade, ME

Protect net neutrality!! Stop the further monopolization of cable providers. Net neutrality is beneficial to all Americans, and the loss of it will be equally devastating for years to come.
—David S, Ruston, LA

To me as a student net neutrality is important. Allowing cable corporations to control the internet is a mistake. These are not companies that care about people and communities, these are companies that rip millions of people off every day and are just in it for the money.

—Kai Mitchell, Makawao, HI

I beg of you, human being to human being, that net neutrality is kept where it is or improved, and that the United States government will not allow the freedom and openness of the internet to be threatened. DO NOT allow corporation to COMMIT CRIMES AGAINST HUMAN CONSCIOUSNESS. Telecom companies seek to impose a tiered service model in order to control the pipeline and thereby remove competition, create artificial scarcity, and oblige subscribers to buy their otherwise uncompetitive services. Many believe net neutrality to be primarily important as a preservation of current freedoms. Vinton Cerf, co-inventor of the Internet Protocol and considered a "father of the Internet," as well as Tim Berners-Lee, creator of the Web, and many others have spoken out in favor of net neutrality.

—Jonathan Davis, Costa Mesa, CA

The internet providers did not create the internet. The government did. It is the intellectual property of the American People, and as such, is not owned implicitly or even partially by ANY private company. Greed is a disease spreading too quickly in American society. We the People demand OUR rights be protected above those of the rich and powerful. The FCC was founded to safeguard the People from companies, not the other way around. Thank you for your time.

—Mr. Roland Watson, St. Louis, MO

No free loving American hates net neutrality. It's one of the most patriotic things since apple pie. Corporations should not be allowed to run something that will be detrimental to a person's freedom of speech. Companies should not be allowed to hijack the internet! It's terrorism!

—Josh Gonzalez, Wappingers, NY

The Internet should be considered a public utility - it combines the best of so many media and shouldn't be controlled by private companies such as Xfinity or Verizon.

—George Ames, Philadelphia, PA

Please protect our democracy by ensuring we have Net Neutrality. All data must be treated equally. The internet, in its current form, is NOT BROKEN and there is nothing for you at the FCC to fix. Please do not give in to big money interests that would seek to make even more money off the internet. Time Warner and Comcast are already more than profitable and already resemble a monopoly (which the government is "supposed" to be protecting, allowing for free enterprise). Our bills are high enough already. I have very little choice of who I can use in my area, and working from home much of the time means I need access to a speedy internet access. I will not be able to afford "the fast lane." It is also inexcusable that the former head of a large lobbyist firm was appointed the head of the FCC task force for this. You have failed to be a respectable entity. Please stop trying to "fix" things that, again, are NOT BROKEN, just for a buck.

—Keri Banegas, BRANDON, FL

BECAUSE I HATE HYPOCRISY AND I WANT TO DEFEND SMALL BUSINESS.

—Glory Thai, Porter Ranch, CA

The argument for net neutrality is very simple: The internet, which is a necessary utility, should be regulated as such. Any illusions of it (the internet) being a luxury, or a "convenience" is dated thinking. I'm sure that when water access and later telephone access was more widely available, the powers that provided those services were quick to point how them having more control over the dissemination of those services was vital for its "success" and long-term viability. In reality, these words are merely a mask for "charging as much as people are willing to bear" for these services. If there is any hope for any level playing field to exist anywhere, please let one of those fields be the internet. We have enough areas of our lives dominated by big conglomerates. It cannot be understated how important the internet is to the future of our country, as business, education, and media moves away from other mediums and into the internet. To grant ISP's total control of the highways is to in effect grant them control over these entities; they choose the winners and the losers. By charging for bandwidth, they decide who is accessible, and who is not. They decide where you can shop and where you cannot. They decide what you can watch, and what you can't. It creates an entire way to exploit and dominate people's lives.

—Juan Rangel, lake forest, CA

Net neutrality is fundamental to keeping the internet as it is- an instrument for universal public knowledge. Not a corporate funded vessel like television or radio

—Chris Knight, Indianapolis, IN

I find it ridiculous that in a country that prides itself on freedom, and preaches it nonstop, we need petitions and activists to keep the internet free and neutral. Net neutrality is essential for the continued growth and innovation of the technologically driven world we find ourselves in. Please do not let congress limit such a vital service.

—Lauren Heilig, Swanton, MD

Invoking Godwin's law early on, allowing someone to determine what we are allowed, and not allowed, to view is precisely what Nazi Germany used to maintain a semblance of control over it's populace. Allowing large businesses to determine what we are and are not allowed to use our internet connections for essentially equates to a violation of civil liberties. It is not in the best interest of the consumer, it is strictly in the best interest of the corporations that monopolize available network infrastructure. Passing a net neutrality law is a clear sign to voters that you value corporate sponsorship over their rights as consumers.

—Blake DeArman, Scottsdale, AZ

Net Neutrality allows me to work from home on smaller sites the same as larger sites.

—Andrew Myers, Kerrville, TX

The only reason telecom companies want to end Net Neutrality is to gain legal authority to extort ridiculous sums of money from Internet businesses and, eventually, to control content on the Internet. The Internet must remain neutral in order to grow to greater heights and flourish. Please reclassify the Internet as a public utility and keep net neutrality alive.

—Daniel C. Mann, Houston, TX

The internet is a mode of communication in which free speech can be practiced and used. Allowing corporate giants to basically restrict reasonable access to it by less wealthy people is restricting our rights.

—Ben Novak, Monroe, WA

Net Neutrality is truly important to me. IF you need to know why, then I'll tell you. The reason is simple,...it puts a stop to "certain schemes" to undermine and/or "kill" Net Neutrality. The Internet is NOT created for greedy people wanting to go on some greed-fueled "power trip" to take control of it, and start to "close" and/or censor it. SO!,... In what nation are you working in again? Let me see,...Oh, Yes!,... AMERICA!,...Not CHINA, and totally NOT RUSSIA! And here are some words for you to think VERY HARD about: Net Neutrality Then,... Net Neutrality NOW,... And if truly possible,... Net Neutrality,...FOREVER. Please keep The Internet Free, Open, And Alive,... NOT Closed, Censored, And Under Control of those who are greedy and/or corrupt! No Promises. ONLY ACTIONS. Those are MY opinion, and I am 100% sticking to them. Don't like it? TOO BAD!

—Richard Allen Jensen, Portland, ME

Net Neutrality is important because I don't like the Idea that some company can decide whose site does or does not get loaded. They are greedy and only want everyone to pay more money to them.

—William, Citrus Heights, CA

Net neutrality IS free speech. Because when some people have to pay to be heard then you are oppressing my First Amendment rights, you hypocrites.

—Robert Offson, Endicott, NY

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I'm not one of the 1% that would be able to afford the tiered pricing for faster internet. I'm one of the 99% that need net neutrality!! Keep it neutral!!!!

—Michelle Sanford, Flint, MI

The problem I find with the whole 'get rid of net neutrality' thing that the FCC has in the works at the moment (don't try to say otherwise, that is very much what you are trying to do) is that the internet is not a service as such. As someone who spends so much of his time on the internet I can tell you from experience that the internet is practically a country in its own right, a fusion of the many countries and cultures that use it to express their ideas, show off and sell their products and services, and meet new people with similar tastes and interests. Places such as youtube, Tumblr, FaceBook, 4chan, Reddit, Twitter, all prove that the internet can very easily be considered a culture of its own, with everybody gravitating towards what interests them. People are willing to look for what they want, and in the process they may find things that they didn't even know they wanted! The Internet demands to be kept free and even such that all people who use it with the intent to get their ideas, products, or services out into the open so more people can find them and so that they are allowed to grow. Great things can come out of the internet, great things that can help people get on with their lives, start new careers, and keep moving forward. That won't happen if the greedy, self centered, success-centric assholes that are currently supporting the creation and sustaining of what would be one of history's largest and most destructive monopolies are allowed to rule it.

—Colin Modrak, Conklin, NY

Do NOT take away 'Net Neutrality'! Not only would you be promoting monopolies to exist, but small businesses would simply cease to be once this gets off the ground! You would be taking away many peoples livelihoods, and the possibility of them achieving success in business and raising their standard of living! They've already taken too much, don't let Comcast and Verizon bully you into giving more of our freedom away! Thank you!

—Elise Modrak, Conklin, NY

I think it is utterly ridiculous that the idea to allow ISPs to choose which websites get a speedy connection and which websites are throttled is even being considered is ridiculous. Wouldn't giving companies the right to do such a thing be impeding on the rights of the companies being throttled??

—Colin MacGregor, Mt. Pleasant, MI

As a citizen, I must demand the restoration of net neutrality. No corporation should be able to hold a monopoly over content or price fixing.
RESTORE NET NEUTRALITY NOW.

—Christopher Stine, Harrisburg, PA

I'm truly enjoying the design and layout of your blog. It's a very easy on the eyes which makes it much more pleasant for me to come here and visit more often. Did you hire out a developer to create your theme? Outstanding work! cdfkfcfeedd

—Johnd207, Oakland, VA

acquiring equivalent rss snag? Someone who's going to be aware of nice retort. Thnkx gfbcfbdkadda

—Johnk741, Oakland, VA

Please reclassify broadband internet as a telecommunications (or "Common carrier") service. Doing so would ensure equal access to the internet for everyone, and prevent (further) undemocratic monopolies by internet service providers.

—Avedan Raggio, Boulder, CO

It's completely clear from the recent mergers that communication companies are trying to form monopolies, again. It's also clear that if they succeed in eliminating net neutrality, they will be able to charge ridiculous fees in ridiculous ways to further enrich their own pockets and their shareholders' pockets, thus increasing the wealth gap in this country. Furthermore, by ridding us of net neutrality, I feel the quality and variety of websites will decrease. In addition, progress in society that the internet adds will slow down. We're already behind other first world countries in so many ways, and killing net neutrality will put us even further behind in terms of quality of access to different websites, and possibly have a negative aspect on other areas of life that the internet has contributed to (for example: job websites, educational websites like Coursera, and entertainment websites). Allowing big business to dictate how the internet evolves by destroying net neutrality is a horrible idea that will only serve to decrease quality of life in this country.

—Heather, Elk Grove, CA

I've had Comcast for years as it works best for internet gaming. Prices have increased and service has decreased. I am growing increasingly dissatisfied. It is slower. Constant service calls. The width of a hair is the distance before I spend my money on something with a better return... like crack.

—Travis Walden, Albuquerque, NM

"Even leaving all of that aside, something tells us their net neutrality love isn't entirely genuine. This February, Comcast basically forced Netflix to pay more money in order to make their website work properly, which some of you may recognize as exactly the thing net neutrality is supposed to prevent. And just in case this wasn't blatantly obvious enough, here's a chart showing all the people trying to spend money to make net neutrality go away. Guess who's #3?" Read more: cracked.com/quick-fixes/5-absurd-cable-company-excuses-killng-internet/#ixzz36ZgfToaL

—Misha Powell, Glendale, AZ

Because it's unfair that just because you want to get paid we all have to be treated this way.

—Dj, Thornton, CO

Net Neutrality is important to me because the modern internet is the greatest treasure of our generation. To see our most important contribution to the history of humanity taken over by corporate interests...corporations cannot be trusted unregulated with anything this important.

—Colin Robinson, Everett, WA

Keep the internet neutral. There is absolutely no reason to create "fast lanes". Everyone person and business deserves an equal amount of bandwidth.

—Alfred Theriot, Honolulu, HI

Small businesses will not be able to create wealth and jobs if there is not universal free internet access without tiered fees.

—Robert McNichols, Roanoke, VA

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—Atif, Sargodha, PA

I run a small website for a non-profit organization that would be unable to afford higher premiums for reasonable speeds to access our site. Losing web traffic would severely limit the organization's ability to fulfill its mission.

—Travis Theurer, New Ulm, MN

Why the hell should I have to tell them net neutrality is important. It should be obvious to anybody that lives in the USA, except maybe a Tea Party nut.

—Randy Propst, Mooresboro, NC

It's the only means for humanity to connect globally and allow all of us to be self empowered.

—John Tomczak, North Hollywood, CA

The internet is the only vehicle for free human expression, untainted by the force and power of big, very big, money. We need to keep net neutrality, so all voices remain equal. The internet, as is, is a Godsend. Keep it that way and you and your children's children will benefit.
—Sue Wilis, Belingham, WA

Net Neutrality is important because many privately owned sites, as well as the sites of small businesses and charities, will not be able to compete with the likely speed of large company and corporation sites who can afford to pay for increased speed over their competitor without Net Neutrality; thus destroying the ability of small mom-and-pop stores to compete in a free market.
—David Michael Jewell, Lacey, WA

The internet allows quick and free exchange of ideas all around the world. Were net neutrality to be done away with, the exchange of ideas not sponsored by funds that the majority of the population of the planet does not have would be slowed to a halt. The United Nations Special Rapporteur, Frank La Rue, stated "There should be as little restriction as possible to the flow of information via the Internet, except in a few, very exceptional, and limited circumstances prescribed by international human rights law...any restriction must be clearly provided by law, and proven to be necessary and the least intrusive means available for the purpose of protecting the rights of others." Internet access, specifically neutral internet access, is being discussed as a human right. Human rights are important to me, thus Net Neutrality is important to me.
—Garrison Rodrigues, Spokane, WA

Because the internet is an extension of the American people's right to freedoms of speech and expression. There is too much content to regulate, as everyone owns the internet. I repeat: Everyone owns the internet, as it does not (and never will) have an owner. Free for you, Free for me.
—Tyler N Griffin, Eugene, OR

As an American it is my right to decide what I want to do with my time on the internet. I have already made a significant investment in being able to do this. The internet companies which are already getting paid more than they should, should not have the ability to then tell me that I can and cannot access, by letting some sites come through faster than others. One of the main reasons people stop frequenting sites is when it loads slowly. It's an unwelcome form not only of censorship, but also of mafia like "protection scam," and it behooves the FCC to stand AGAINST these corporations and with the American people. Living in a city with a Comcast monopoly, I can only see where things would get progressive worse.
—Laila Snead, Philadelphia, PA

This is unbelievable you would allow a COMPANY to decide how to charge for the internet. It is unfair and Wrong in the most basic level. Do NOT let this happen to your people.
—Marci McWilliams, Eugene, OR

Thy The internet should be free to all because of the resources for student's, and the opportunity to earn money in a bad economy since the government is running out of funds to help Americans. If we were immigrants or another country the gov would find money for us but we are citizens so we are S.O.L
—Anthony Crouse, Palm Bat, FL

Net neutrality represents the ideals actual Americans hold dear, equality and access for everyone, not the interest of a several conglomerates who expertly dodge taxes while gouging the public at every opportunity. Should net neutrality be eliminated we as a country would be taking a step back in the dissemination of information and potentially inhibiting a free press and the freedom of speech by all Americans. We cannot allow a hand full of unscrupulous corporations to bribe unprincipled individuals into lying to, extorting, and manipulating our government representatives just to raise the bottom line for their companies while possibly driving millions of honest companies to bankruptcy. Should net neutrality be eliminated, the information available on the internet would be controlled by the internet service providers who could arbitrarily prohibit content from being disseminated much like the communist party of China. Therefore if the FCC feels that Verizon, AT&T, Comcast, and Time Warner are worthy of deciding what content we Americans are allowed to consume, it will be another example of the U.S. government siding with corporate America and not Americans; and I will be forced to cancel my cell phone and residential cable and internet services until an alternative is available or these companies can provide justification for such blatant greed and disregard for their very on customers.

—Seth Summers, Midland, TX

Cable companies don't need ANOTHER reason to raise rates. The internet in general is one of the few places where a normal human being is equal to every other person on the internet. Don't change that now.

—Audrey Mercer, Bloomington, IL

N.N. is vital to a free and fair democracy!

—Jon Wadley, Tulsa, OK

We, the American People, need net neutrality to insure the corporate elite don't take complete control of the internet.

—Brandon Henson, Lubbock, TX

If the government allows the internet to no longer be a fair playing field for start-ups and corporations we will just see another example of how the government is letting big business kill the market and disallow for new corporations to come into that market. Too big to fail was a problem we saw with investment banks in 2008. Don't let too big to control be the new issue in the next five years. The ISP's have more money than the majority of the people petitioning the FCC and they will lobby hard with their money because their money is speech in the eyes of our government. But look at the speech of the real people who don't have the money to give more to the government. Do your jobs.

—Andrew Mangrum, O'Fallon, MO

Because it's the right thing to do. Big business has enough \$\$\$ without corrupting another sector.

—Michael Lucko, Schererville, IN

You are not creating a 'fast lane' for the internet, you are creating a 'slow lane.' Check your facts. Rely on data and studies not rhetoric. You have the power to save the internet, the most important innovation in recent times. Do not let your bad decisions be the reason we all had to take a big step back.

—Matthew Goodman, Beaverton, OR

Net neutrality is important, as free access to information is a privilege every school child should enjoy. One day, we may even see it as a right.

—Andrew Nissen, Jamaica Plain, MA

I have grown up in a net neutral environment for the Internet, which has allowed me to enjoy various entertainment services such as games, videos, and music with my family and friends as well as in my own free time. The Internet has also benefited my education greatly as well. I could not imagine a world where all of these services and benefits are restricted in any way for everyone today and for future generations. Please consider classifying broadband Access as a "Title II telecommunications service."

—Justin, Fredericksburg, VA

Let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create and exploit a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us? No. Why not? These companies will have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one could do anything about it. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers; that's the policy I want the FCC to adopt.

—Lawrence M. Caring, Houston, TX

Big companies should not be able to decide what forms of media are allowed to be accessed easily and which are not. The Internet is one of the most important resources available to citizens in today's world. Allowing big companies to control what sites people can realistically use without those people having any control is wrong.

—Daniel Smallwood, Houston, TX

The FCC is attempting to promote further destruction of equality and freedom. I am without a doubt already sick and tired of my own countries antics and this only makes things worse. Sweden, Canada, New Zealand, etc get it, they understand. Why can't the American politicians?

—Whitney Seabrooks, Binghamton, NY

(The following is intended for cable companies like Time Warner Comcast, etc.) Net neutrality is important because, in essence, it levels the playing field. With net neutrality there exists the possibility that my sports writing blog will catch some attention and further my career, and possibly land me a job opportunity or internship. Without it, my blog is grounded. I can't pay the millions of dollars to get bandwidth because of your bullshit fascist regulations and resume building becomes impossible to all but the upper-echelons of society. If you continue to push forward with this you risk nationwide protest along and almost guarantee that you will be perceived as a comic book-level villain (the fact that I'm referring to a cable company as a singular entity further backs this up). You defend yourselves using free speech when the idea of being anti-net neutrality spits in the face of the first amendment. Your campaign is the equivalent of dick punching Abraham Lincoln and MLK simultaneously while choking a Bald Eagle. If our voices are silenced by oppressive Internet legislation then free speech is, by definition, impossible.

—Carter Floyd, Bellevue, WA

Net Neutrality is important to me because the only reason to take it away is purely so ISPs can profit more.

—Daniel Kaproth, Sauk Rapids, MN

Net neutrality means that everyone gets the opportunity to make it out there, and that citizens have freedom of choice... Isn't that the American way?

—Victoria Allen, Boise, ID

The Internet is a tool for obliterating ignorance.

—Alexia Filpo, Elmhurst, NY

If net neutrality goes away future internet business will have a lot harder time gaining ground. This fits into the rich get richer idea. Companies that have money to pay for the so called fast lane will always beat out the little guy. I work in IT. Please don't change anything about the internet, it's great the way it is. Evan

—Evan Chesterman, Canton, GA

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—Victor Morales, astoria, NY

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1) True scenario. I pay a certain amount of money for a certain amount of Internet bandwidth. I also might pay extra for a service like Netflix. I find that my Netflix service is not broadcasting at a rate fast enough to enjoy watching movies through the Internet. Netflix then bows to the ISP's and pays some extra cash to get preferential treatment on whatever network I'm on. Then they pass those costs on to me. I'm essentially paying twice for the same bandwidth I should already be enjoying. And if I happen to have a different ISP that Netflix didn't pay, I'm getting a lesser grade of service. This is like forcing car manufacturers to pay extra to build cars that go the speed limit, cars which are more expensive, while use economy-class car owners have to drive at 45 mph on the same roads, with essentially the same cars that are crippled. This is fundamentally un-American. Secondly, the Internet is the great equalizer. Sites like ebay, Facebook, Netflix, Salesforce and countless others were able to grow from small startups with no funding to the giants of industry they are today because the Internet was a level playing field. If ISP's are allowed to charge more for faster delivery of services, you'll essentially create an Internet that only properly supports large, established companies. The Innovation that brought us services like Instagram, Amazon and a million others will be stifled. The startup mentality that is a unique part of American psyche will be done, and you'll have allowed it to die. Please don't kill American ingenuity.
—Matt Janulewicz, San Francisco, CA

It is a fundamental right for each of us to experience what we chose. Allowing restrictions on such supporting services rewards corporate greed and stifles open and creative thinking. The same thinking that brought modern technologies to the forefront and made America the greatest nation of innovation in the last century. Keep it open, Keep it Free. It benefits and profits us all.
—Bryan Bauerband, Bellevue, NE

A free and open internet is the single greatest technology of our time, and control should not be at the mercy of corporations. Furthermore, a free and open internet stimulates ISP competition; helps prevent unfair pricing practices; promotes innovation and the spread of ideas; drives entrepreneurship; and finally aids in protecting freedom of speech.
—Brian D. Killian, Baltimore, MD

Theres a lot of middle class and lower class people in America... if you continue to deny net neutrality, you ill find hen faced with an overly high internet bill (paying for internet that seems to suck anyway) or buying food for t month... most people would buy food... thus losing you customers in the long run. I feel net neutrality will solve this problem.
—Amber, Warrenton, VA

Net neutrality is important to me. The FCC should also reclassify broadband internet as a telecommunications (or "Common carrier") service.
—Sebastian Mestrl, Oak Park, IL

Please classify ISPs as common carriers. Defend Net Neutrality.
—Louis J Rivellini, East Haven, CT

The internet is the modern day equivalent to the Library Of Alexandria; the most vast repository of information in the known world. It is vital for this, and future, generations that our access to data, information, and education remained unfettered by artificial limitations. Information is as much infrastructure as electricity and water.
—Donald Reimschusel, Philadelphia, PA

The internet is a collection of information stored globally, when we allow ISPs to charge for priority access we are allowing them to decide which information we see. If what was already done to netflix, charging more money for the same access other providers have, was done to healthcare.gov or irs.gov would this even be a debate?
—Ed Vreeland, Woodbridge, VA

Dont want my privacy invaded.
—Sena Fontes, Dorchester, MA

It is important to me because I want to protect my rights as an American and would not like my privacy invaded.
—Veronica J Fontes, Boston, MA

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Companies shouldn't be able to determine what websites I access by speeding one up or slowing one down, in other words the internet should still stay a neutral place for all to enjoy.

—Ian, Williamsburg, VA

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—Isaac Hanneman, St. Louis, MO

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I do not like the idea that ISP's get to decide which websites work better than others. Putting corporations in charge of internet content will lead to censorship of websites that are unwilling or unable to pay to keep their content visible.

—Dana Zevecke, VERMILLION, SD

Seriously, how many times are we going to have to go through this argument?

—Phillip Meiser, Pittsburgh, PA

How do you think all the best ideas and waves of technology come about. Oh, yeah the fucking internet. If you clowns have yet to figure out that this generation is not gonna sit there and let you do this without a fight then you are sadly mistaking. Guess what the internet is what keeps us all boud together as well. On another note, I work on cellphone towers and I email people all day if you take this away your actually hurting yourselves, because no one and not even you want to use shitty services. Whatever happened to paying for services renderd SMH. Well that is all.

—Jesse, Hampton, VA

Net Neutrality is essential for the free and open exchange of information and ideas. A level playing field will allow the most informative, entertaining, and effective agents to rise to the top and encourage healthy competition.

—Aaron Hamilton, Eagan, MN

The INTERNET is the true opiate of the masses. Do NOT fuck with the masses. That is a Pandora's Box you do NOT want to open.

—H Reed, Mankato, MN

I support net neutrality. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Rahel Sewell, OJAI, CA

This policy supports monopolies and suppresses small companies.

—Travis Dominguez, Rochester, NY

Because the "Information Age" is not supposed to be controlled by corporations.

—Kelsey Hunt-Dolan, Sarasota, FL

Human knowledge belongs to the world.

—Mr. Justin Nortell, Alexandria, VA

Net Neutrality is important for the USA economy to strengthen and remain strong. It is important to prevent monopolies, such as a merger between Comcast and Time Warner Cable, for many reasons. Monopolies stifle healthy competitive enterprise. Monopolies are often too big to fail and their mistakes cost the consumer. Monopolies bully the consumer because the consumer has so few other choices for the same service.

—Leah Becker, Boston, MA

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—Ztest, zcity, NY

In fairness to all, it is important to have a level playing field where all content is treated equally, so classify the Internet as a common carrier with the corresponding regulation. End the monopoly power of Verizon and Comcast and allow for municipal networks--disallowing state/local laws that forbid them.

—Jane Turk, Glenside, PA

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—Test Name, testville, NY

I wish to remain in a free society, a free world, where my basic rights of freedom of speech are available to me, freely. I wish to continue my quest for my financial "American Dream" without my control being taken over and dictated to me by big business, greedy pockets and politics. That is what is called communism, is it not? What's next? Soylen Green? Thank you!

—Laura Lyons, titusville, FL

America is about equal opportunities and therefore should provide equal access to all on the Net. That's the way the internet was intended, a portal of information accessible to all.

—Liz marshall, Waxhaw, NC

Net neutrality is as vital as the air we breath and the water we drink because lets face it, if the greedy a**holes had they're way they charge a premium on that too. STOP THE INSANITY

—Chris, Moline, IL

Net neutrality is important to me because without it, no one but big companies will be able to have a website that anyone will want to visit, effectively squashing the freedom of speech of the internet and making prices rise for all as companies have to pay for decent web connection.

—Rozalia Anne Needham Valentine, Martinez, CA

Best Site

—Danial, Karachi, NY

Net neutrality is the reason the internet is so accessible. It lets everybody compete on the same level. It would be a violation of our freedom of speech if companies like Verizon decide to give only people that pay them access to faster connections.

—Anthony Chu, Malden, MA

We don't need to have the internet become another example of income inequality. I paid plenty of money for my computer and I expect that all the websites I visit will have the equivalent levels of speed.

—Myrna Lueck, Ypsilanti, MI

Because I don't want the internet to become a tiered pay system like cable. I don't want the consumer or the person running a website to have to pay more for a "fast lane" into my home. Thank you.

—Gary M. Garcia, Richardson, TX

I think actual citizens' rights are more important than a corporation's. No one should have to pay extra to have their voice heard on the internet.

—Rachel Brant, Charleston, SC

Tron would be super pissed if he knew corporations were scheming to control the Internet and to charge users and sites enormous fees. Tron would mess them up and drive majestically away on his light cycle.

—Chris Hall, Pittsburgh, PA

We need the internet to keep pace with our ever progressing world we are ALREADY falling behind of many nations, Net Neutrality would destroy every possibility. The internet should be a public utility, but barring that should NOT require a premium for extra bandwidth.

PRESERVE NET NEUTRALITY!

—Erica Lasley, Battle Ground, WA

Please keep net neutrality. or classify the cable operators as common carries and as a public utility. They have become a modern day public utility and are necessary for our economy to survive and should not have monopolistic powers over us.

—Travis Legatzke, CARSON CITY, NV

I live in a area where we have att it's a good service running at speeds at 18mb/s but I am a heavy youtube, and netflix service but I also repara computer requiring me to download large data files but I can't pay for all the services for all the computers that I repara plus youtube and Netflix that is crap! I want REAL net-neutrality!

—Blake mayfield, Crandall, TX

It is of the highest importance that Broadband internet be listed as a telecommunications service. When a highway is built it does not include a fast lane reserved for only the highest paying customers, the internet should not either. To accomodate for excess cars a highway is expanded. The solution to on going problems does not exist is this exclusive "fast lane", the solution exists in the creation of resorces to provide more internet access.

—Clara Fasce, St. Bernard, OH

I completely hate that this is even a issue. The whole idea of the internet now is equality for every user across the board. When one company use their power unfairly to charge another company to keep speeds quick that company then turns that cost around on to the user. which becomes another issue of being unfair to the user because now both companies are raising the prices on the user who is already paying for both providers services. Just another example of how Big Business screws the little guy. Who is looking out for the little guys now? It has been proven that users will generally pay for the things they enjoy. Being able to do so should be a choice not something we are forced in to doing. The internet has become something of necessity no longer just a luxury. Please be fair to us small guys and keep everything neutral.

—Dominic Montiel, big bear city, CA

Net neutrality is important because the internet is one of the few low-cost ways to access information about any topic, and learn information about that topic. Should cable companies be allowed to alter the speed at which websites can be accessed, they could easily choose to make sites they deem to be against their best interest slower than others. That doesn't sound like freedom to me.

—Rebecca Mullins, Armonk, NY